

April 7, 2023

SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 34

The Honorable Mimi Stewart, President Pro Tempore
and Members of the New Mexico State Senate
State Capitol Building
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear President Pro Tempore Stewart and Members of the Senate:

I have decided to veto SENATE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL 464 (“SB 464”), which would have required the Outdoor Recreation Division of the Economic Development Department to promote agritourism in collaboration with other agencies.

Agritourism is becoming popular across the country, and New Mexico could be well-poised to take advantage of this growth because of its rich history of unique agricultural practices and production. Agritourism could particularly benefit rural communities and support local businesses. But SB 464 is an unfunded mandate that is extremely difficult to implement without additional funding and personnel. Current staffing levels at the Outdoor Recreation Division do not give the division the capacity to dedicate the time, resources, and expertise needed to do justice to the requirements of this bill.

Because of these issues, and pursuant to my authority under Article IV, Section 22 of the New Mexico Constitution, I have vetoed SENATE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL 464, enacted by the Fifty-Sixth Legislature, First Session, 2023.

Respectfully yours,

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

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Chief Clerk of the Senate